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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Zhong-Cheng Hu**)
) Art Unit: 1712
Serial No.: **09/397,814**)
) Examiner: **Metzmaier, D.**
Filed: **September 17, 1999**)
)
For: **SOL-GEL PROCESSING WITH**)
 INORGANIC METAL SALT PRECURSORS)
 MANAGEMENT PROPERTIES)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action June 14, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A request for a two-month extension of time is also enclosed

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 15 and 33

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of sol-gel processing using an inorganic metal salt and a mixed solvent system, comprising:

preparing a solution including an inorganic metal salt, water, and an organic solvent having a metal salt concentration and a volume ratio of organic solvent to water;

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on **November 14, 2002**.

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